

**DIRECTIONS**  
 TO OUR <sup>37</sup>  
**Arch-Bishops and Bishops,**  
 FOR THE  
 Preserving of Unity in the Church,  
 AND THE  
 Purity of the Christian Faith,  
 Concerning the  
**Holy Trinity.**

By His Majesties Special Command.



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O S T Reverend,  
and Right Reve-  
rend Fathers in God,  
We Greet You well.  
Whereas We are  
given to understand, That there  
have of late been some Differen-  
ces among the Clergy of this

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Our Realm about their Ways of Expressing themselves in their Sermons and Writings, concerning the Doctrine of the Blessed Trinity, which may be of dangerous Consequence, if not timely Prevented ; We therefore, out of Our Princely Care and Zeal for the Preservation of the Peace and Unity of the Church, together with the Purity of the Christian Faith, Have thought fit to send You these following Directions, which We straightly Charge and Command You to Publish, and to see that they be Observed within Your several Dioceses.

I. That

I. **T**hat no Preacher whatso-  
ever, in his Sermon or  
Lecture, do presume to Deliber  
any other Doctrine concerning the  
Blessed Trinity, than what is  
contained in the Holy Scriptures,  
and is agreeable to the Three  
Creeds, and the Thirty nine Ar-  
ticles of Religion.

II. That in the Explication  
of this Doctrine they carefully  
avoid all new Terms, and con-  
fine themselves to such ways of  
Expression as have been common-  
ly used in the Church.

III. That Care be taken in this  
Matter, especially to observe the  
Fifty third Canon of this Church,  
which forbids publick Opposition  
between Preachers, and that a-  
bove all things, they abstain from  
bitter

bitter Invectives and Scurrilous Language against all Persons whatsoever.

IV. That the foregoing Directions be also observed by those, who write any thing concerning the said Doctrine.

And whereas We also understand, That divers Persons, who are not of the Clergy, have of late presumed, not only to Talk and to Dispute against the Christian Faith, concerning the Doctrine of the Blessed Trinity, but also to Write and Publish Books and Pamphlets against the same, and industriously spread them through the Kingdom, contrary to Our known Laws Established in this Realm; We do therefore strictly Charge and Command

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You,

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You, together with all other  
Means suitable to Your Holy Pro=  
fession, to make use of Your Au=  
thority according to Law, for the  
Repressing and Restraining of all  
such exorbitant Practices. And for  
Your Assistance, We will give  
Charge to Our Judges, and all  
other Our Civil Officers, to do  
their Duty herein, in Executing  
the Laws against all such Per=  
sons as shall by these Means give  
Occasion of Scandal, Discord  
and Disturbance in Our Church  
and Kingdom.

Given at Our Court at *Kensington* the  
Third Day of *February*, 1695. In  
the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

*By His Majesties Command,*

SHREWSBURY.

